

REMARKS

The applicants acknowledge, with thanks, receipt of the Office Action mailed November 10, 2005, and completion of the personal interview on January 23, 2006. Pursuant to the discussions in the interview, applicant has tendered amendments to the pending claims, as well as additional claims, which are distinguished over the art of record. It is submitted that with the subject amendments, for the reasons noted below, all claims are in condition for allowance over the art of record.

NON-ART MATTERS

Claims 1-15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, for failing to comply with the written description, as the limitation “means for communicating the predetermined type of communication to the associated network printer” was not taught in the specification. Applicants have amended claims 1, 4, and 5 to specify that the predetermined type of communication is communicated to an associated network device. Accordingly, the rejection of claims 1-15 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, should be withdrawn.

ART MATTERS

Claims 1, 2, 4-6, 8, 10, 12, and 14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,240,456 to Teng et al. Claims 3, 9, and 13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Teng as applied to claims 2, 8, and 12, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,574,618 to Eylon. Claims 7, 11, and 15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Teng as applied to claims 6, 10, and 14, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,788,429 to Clough et al.

The subject application teaches a system and method for monitoring control of computer output peripheral devices, such as printers. As a typical network comprises document processing devices that communicate messages in different fashions, it is frequently incumbent upon a network manager to have multiple means for monitoring and reporting status of these devices. In the subject invention, a print job is received for a selected network printer, wherein a specified printer controller manages the print job. A

selected set of identifiers corresponding to the specific printer controller is identified and one of the selected set is used to issue a notification from the controller, wherein the notification is communicated to an associated network device. Thus, the subject application teaches a mechanism by which reporting of status of a network device is rendered with a variety of possible network devices.

Teng teaches communicating print jobs to a printing device. To the extent error reporting is mentioned in Teng, it is in connection with obtaining information from a printer, and adding it to a HTML template reporting the retrieved information. As discussed during the interview, this is far removed from selecting identifiers from plural sets thereof for use in communicating device status uniformly relative to various types of peripherals doing the reporting. Accordingly, independent claims 1, 4, and 5, as amended, are patentably distinct over the art of record and in condition for allowance thereover. Claims 2-3 and 6-15 provided further limitation to these base claims, and are thus also in condition for allowance thereover.

CONCLUSION

In view of the discussions during the personal interview, all claims are in condition for allowance. An early allowance of all claims is respectfully requested. If there are any fees necessitated by the foregoing communication, please charge such fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-0902, referencing our Docket No. 66329/14562.

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